

1. OATH

The Examiner states that a new oath needs to be submitted due to the fact that the Applicant did not check the box indicating that foreign priority is claimed. Due to the fact that there are numerous Inventors the oath was not ready for submission at this time. However, Applicant fully intends to submit a newly executed oath as soon as possible.

2. SPECIFICATION

The Examiner states that a substitute specification is required in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b). Applicant herein provides a substitute specification under the cover page entitled "SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION" and hereby declares that the substitute specification does not contain any new matter.

3. CLAIMS, §112

The Examiner states that the claims are narrative and indefinite. A claims listing of all claims is provided immediately after the substitute specification in proper US format. No new matter has been added.

4. CLAIMS, §112

The Examiner states that the claims are indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Applicant herein provides a complete claims listing following the substitute specification that makes the Examiner's rejection moot. No new matter has been added.

5 through 8. The amended claims contained in the complete claims listing should eliminate all of the Examiner's rejections.

Conclusion

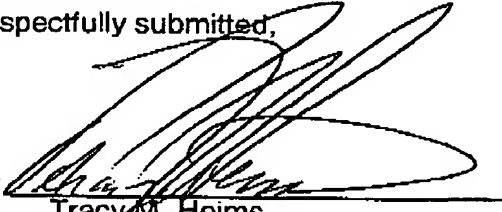
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 1 through 4 recites statutory subject matter that is novel and new, is subject matter of the present invention and is fully supported in the disclosure of the present invention, and therefore respectfully requests that claims 1 through 4 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue. No new matter has been included.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2069, **referencing docket number 003-03-024**.

Respectfully submitted,

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